



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
807 Mill River Southfield Road, Mill River, MA 01244-0099
Phone: 413-229-8116 Fax: 413-229-6674
E-mail: nmbos@newmarlboroughma.gov**

Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel H. Yohalem
Tara B. White
Board of Selectmen

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016
6 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel Yohalem
Tara B. White

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Tom Stalker
Richard Long

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:03 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the December 14 minutes as amended, the December 28 10 a.m. meeting and the January 4, 2016 meeting as amended.

Dog Licenses

According to Town Clerk records, there are approximately 20 people owning dogs that are not currently licensed. Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, will prepare a personalized letter to be sent out this week to owners of unlicensed dogs and offer amnesty on late fines if dogs are properly licensed by February 15, 2016.

Southern Berkshire Regional School District

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Michele Shalaby, has prepared a letter to be sent to David Hastings, offering the Town's continued cooperation and desire to keep its budget within Proposition 2-1/2 limits. Minor changes have been made to the letter that will be emailed to the school district and the other four district towns..

Broadband

A broadband meeting with representatives from MBI has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 10 a.m. The responses to the Request for Information (RFI) have been sent to John Furey at MBI who will explain options to the Town. Michele Shalaby

requested that questions be sent to MBI ahead of the visit, as all questions may not be related to engineering, i.e.:

- A. Will MBI clarify the options for build and operation, the order of decision making and implications of one in the other?
- B. Does MBI have suggestions for driveway policy?
- C. Can we connect and integrate with systems in neighboring Connecticut towns?
- D. What is required of the Town by the June 30 deadline?

It was felt that the operator should be chosen first, who could then give input into the builder. Richard Long believes that a hybrid system will offer a lower capital investment. The next step the Town needs to take will be discussed after the MBI meeting.

A "Broadband" link will be added to the Town's website, in order for residents to be kept up to date.

Community Compact

Rep. Pignatelli has invited Community Compact signors to the Great Barrington Town hall meeting on February 4, 2016.. The Selectmen will submit the following as areas of interest in Shared Services: emergency services, benefits for shared, highway equipment and schools. All three Selectmen expressed interest in attending the meeting.

Town Administrator Updates

There is no Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for January 18, 2016 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Sharon Fleck reported that the bid package for the Clayton Mill River Road culvert has been prepared and the pre-contract for the MassWorks grant for Clayton Mill River Road is being coordinated between BSC and Chuck Loring.

Selectmen's Updates

Selectman, Tara White, reported that a letter will be sent to Rep. Pignatelli and Senator Downing regarding the Town's desire to have the State take over Rt. 57. The other four towns (Granville, Tolland, Sandisfield and Monterey) will send similar letters to their representatives. The next meeting will be held in Tolland on January 20, 2016.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Tara White to send letters to Rep. Pignatelli and Sen. Downing regarding Rt. 57 (Tara White recused herself from the vote).

Chairman, Michele Shalaby, announced that Ned Wilson wishes to resign from the Conservation Commission because of time and work constraints. He also stated that other board members do not have the time or experience to assume the position of Chairman. Michele stated she would like to have five members on the Commission. Ned Wilson suggested that, similar to the proposed Board of Health position, an agent be shared with other communities. Selectman, Nat Yohalem, will solicit other communities, as part of Shared Services, to try and find an agent to share effective July 1, 2016. A

salary for the position will have to be placed in the FY17 budget. Ned will stay on until July 1.

The Town Administrator will review the current policy on remote participation.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary